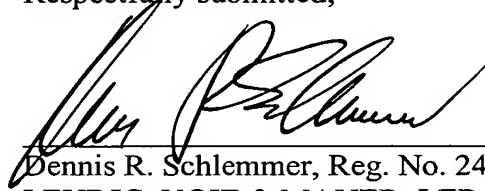


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

By this Amendment, Claim 7 has been made dependent upon allowed claim 1 and claim 9, which was indicated as being directed to allowable subject matter, has been rewritten in independent form. Since the remaining claims all have been indicated as being in condition for allowance, an early action of that effect is respectfully requested.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (312) 616-5640.

Respectfully submitted,

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